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SUBJECT: FAA REVOCATION OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
REPAIR STATION CERTIFICATE NO. 820-1F OF TURKISH AIRLINES

REF: BURLINGAME LETTERS OF MARCH 3 TO EMBASSY, THY AND  
DIRECTOR GENERAL, CIVIL AVIATION, GOT.

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED STRONG REPRESENTATIONS FROM MR. GUNDUZ GUNGEN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, CIVIL AVIATION, GOT PROTESTING FAA REVOCATION ACTION. OUTLINED BELOW ARE POINTS MADE BY MR. GUNGEN. EMBASSY URGES FAA TO RECONSIDER REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS AND RENEW CERTIFICATE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. GUNGEN ADMITTED THAT DURING PAST TWO YEARS THY HAS NOT DONE ANY MAINTENANCE WORK ON U.S. REGISTERED AIRCRAFT. HE HOPES, HOWEVER, "THAT FAA REGULATIONS WILL NOT BE STUMBLING BLOCK" IN RENEWING THY CERTIFICATION.

3. GUNGEN LISTED FOLLOWING POINTS FOR FAA CONSIDERATION:  
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A) FAA FOREIGN REPAIR STATION CERTIFICATE WAS PRESENTED TO THY BY AMBASSADOR HANDLEY IN EARLY 1973 IN CEREMONY ATTENDED BY GUNGEN AND OTHER OFFICIALS. EVENT RECEIVED WIDESPREAD FAVORABLE PRESS PUBLICITY. REVOCATION FOUR YEARS LATER COULD BE MISCONSTRUED AS HAVING POLITICAL RATHER THAN TECHNICAL RATIONALE.

B) THY HAS UNDER LEASE AND TURKISH REGISTRY FIVE

U.S. OWNED AIRCRAFT. UNDER TERMS OF PANAM-THY' CONTRACT, THY DOES MAINTENANCE WORK ON THESE PLANES.

C) THY CERTIFICATE IS "INSURANCE POLICY" WHICH "FORTUNATELY HAS NOT BEEN USED". THAT IS, AMERICAN AIRLINES TRANSITTING ISTANBUL HAVE NOT HAD MIS- HAPS OR TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES REQUIRING THY MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

D) GOT USES AMERICAN MADE AIRCRAFT. THY'S FAA FOREIGN REPAIR STATION CERTIFICATE GIVES FAA GUARANTEED ACCESS TO REVIEW THY REPAIR FACILITIES AT ANY TIME.

E) THY WILL BE MOVING INTO NEW \$30 MILLION REPAIR FACILITY IN ISTANBUL IN FALL ("ONE OF MOST MODERN IN EUROPE").

4. GUNGEN STATED THAT IF FAA HAD DETERMINED THAT THY FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WERE NOT QUALIFIED, HE COULD ACCEPT NEED FOR REVOCATION. HE "UNDERSTANDS, HOWEVER, THAT COUNTRIES WITH POORER REPAIR FACILITIES HAVE FAA CERTIFICATION".

5. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REVOCATION WITH MR. CECIL COMMANDER, CIVIL PROJECTS DIRECTOR, ICAO UNDP, ANKARA WHO IS FORMER FAA OFFICIAL. COMMANDER SAID HE HAD TOLD GUNGEN THAT FAA IS UNABLE ACCORDING TO ITS REGULATIONS TO RENEW FAA FOREIGN REPAIR STATION CERTIFICATE UNLESS FOREIGN AIRLINE CAN SHOW DEMONSTRATED "NEED FOR CERTIFICATION". COMMANDER SOUGHT TO REVIEW WITH GUNGEN WAY THY "COULD PROVIDE FIRM JUSTIFICATION FOR RENEWAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF CERTIFICATE". GUNGEN, HOWEVER, FELT FAA REVOCATION WAS "POLITICAL" NOT "TECHNICAL".

6. COMMANDER MENTIONED THAT UN IS PROVIDING TWO SPOTTER AIRCRAFT TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH GOT OPIUM CONTROL PROGRAM. PLANES ARE REGISTERED IN UNITED NATIONS, BUT UN FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES HAS CERTIFIED THAT PLANES WILL BE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS. GOT OF COURSE INTENDS TO HAVE THY PROVIDE MAINTENANCE FOR THESE PLANES. REVOCATION OF THY CERTIFICATION WILL CREATE PROBLEMS IN THIS REGARD.

7. GUNGEN ASKED THAT EMBASSY PASS ON HIS "WARM REGARDS" TO BURLINGAME AND STATED THAT DGCA AND THY WILL PROVIDE FREE TICKETS AND EXPENSES TO FAA INVESTIGATOR IF THIS WOULD PROVE NECESSARY IN ANY REVIEW PROCEDURE.

8. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FAA REVIEW REVOCATION DECISION IN LIGHT OF GUNGEN REPRESENTA-

TIONS WHILE WE UNDERSTAND NEED FOR FAA ADHERENCE TO ITS  
TECHNICAL REGUALTIONS, WE WOULD WELCOME  
OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST THY AND DGCA IN MEETING "FIRM  
JUSTIFICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE".  
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